

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Mark R. Hellberg

Iok-Hou Pang

John M. Yanni

Group Art Unit: 1618

Examiner: Z. Faye

Serial No.: 10/775,704 (Conf. #3340)

Atty. Dkt. No.: 2187 US F

Filed: February 10, 2004

For: USE OF COMPOUNDS FOR TREATING  
CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM  
INJURY TO THE CORNEAL NERVE  
AFTER LASIK AND OTHER OCULAR  
SURGERIES OR TRAUMA

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT  
DATED DECEMBER 7, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 7, 2006, for which the one-month date for response is January 8, 2007 (by virtue of January 7, 2007 being a Sunday).

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. **501051**.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification** in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings** in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.